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SUBJ: "PRG" LIAISON OFFICE IN GENEVA: NON-HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES

REF: BERN 1552

1. MUHEIM INFORMED US TODAY THAT GOS HAS DECIDED TO INSTRUCT ITS OFFICE IN GENEVA TO CALL IN PHAM VAN BA AND INFORM HIM THAT ANY FOREIGN ORGANIZATION IN SWITZERLAND, WHETHER DIPLOMATIC OR NOT, WAS REQUIRED TO REFRAIN FROM PUBLIC DECLARATIONS IN WHICH FOREIGN STATES AND GOVERNMENTS ARE CRITICIZED. IT WILL STATE THAT IT EXPECTS THE LIAISON OFFICE TO ABIDE BY THE ESTABLISHED RULES AND ALSO MAKE REFERENCE TO THE TERMS UNDER WHICH THE LIAISON OFFICE WAS PERMITTED TO OPERATE. MUHEIM THOUGHT THIS WARNING WOULD BE DELIVERED APRIL 18.

2. EMBASSY RECOGNIZES THAT GOS ACTION IS RELATIVELY MILD SLAP ON WRIST IN LIGHT OF GROSS VIOLATIONS OF BASIS UNDER WHICH LIAISON OFFICE WAS ESTABLISHED. EMBASSY
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BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT WE PROBABLY UNABLE TO GET GOS

TO TAKE ANY FIRMER ACTION AT THIS TIME. FPD SEEMS CLEARLY
ANXIOUS NOT TO RUFFLE FEATHERS OF "PRG" WHICH IT VIEWS AS
LIKELY TO BE IN POWER IN SAIGON SOON. FPD ALSO DOES NOT
WANT TO JEOPARDIZE SWISS AND ICRC HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES
IN PRG-CONTROLLED AREAS.

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